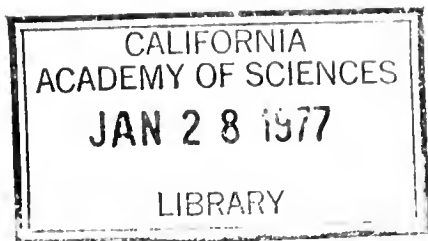


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## New Zealand in February

The February membership meeting will feature artist Harry Adamson (whose drawings regularly grace these pages) in a program on his trip to New Zealand. The meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda (between Los Angeles and Solano Avenues) in north Berkeley. To get there from Interstate 80, take University Avenue east to Grove Street and turn left. After about a mile, Grove Street becomes The Alameda and you will be nearly there. Watch for the church on your right.

## A Big Thank You

The Golden Gate Audubon Society thanks each and every participant in the Oakland Christmas Bird Count. You are the real substance that makes the count possible. Party leaders have the added responsibility of directing people, collecting money, and preparing party count results; a big thank you to all of you. Those of us who attended the compilation party and shared in the delicious soup are in debt to **Claire Greensfelder** and **Marcia Sparling**. These two ladies accepted and accomplished the job of feeding 200 hungry birders.

In order to coordinate any count, people with long time birding and count experience are needed as advisers and rare bird authorities. **Dick Dean** served in helping to put the count together, knowing he would not have the pleasure of participating on count day. **Don Roberson** was a "right hand" in advising and finally in compiling (what a job) the final results. **Clark Gleason** did a tremendous job, being in charge of all feeder participants. His meticulous preparations and records will serve GGAS not only as statistics but as a guide to future compilers. The support of these people was indispensable to the count.

And of course, all of you who answered questions, gave names of possible participants, offered support and listened to complaints—there are so many and thank you so much.

—LEORA FEENEY

## December Observations

Due to the fact we present the Oakland Christmas Count totals in this issue and the absence of the editor for the holidays, this column will be more abbreviated than usual. However, several interesting birds were found in December (especially some very good warblers). The dry winter continued through the month and though most Counts had gorgeous weather, numbers of species and individuals were generally down.

A **Little Blue Heron** was reported photographed at Palo Alto 5 Dec (KG). Further **Cattle Egret** sightings were 2 at Drake's Estero 5 Dec (JRi), 1 near McClure's Ranch, Pt. Reyes 17-18 Dec (RS,DR,JR et al.), 1 on Navarro Ridge Rd., Mendocino Co. 20-21 Dec (JH,AH), and 1 in the buffalo enclosure in Golden Gate Park 21-22 Dec (JM,DR et al.) which appeared later at Sea Cliff and fed among the sea lions (fide JM)! At least 6 **Eurasian Wigeon** were found in the East Bay, San Francisco, and Pt. Reyes (mob). The male and female **Tufted Ducks** left Lake Merritt 12 Dec (HC,EC—why, oh why couldn't they stay for the count?), but a male was observed at Tiburon 20-30 Dec (PS). The Pacific Grove **Ruff** stayed through the holidays (mob). Two **Long-eared Owls**, poorly understood in our area, were at Rodeo Lagoon 5 Dec (PF). Truly incredible is a report of a **Western Kingbird** west of the Sutter Buttes 5 Dec, over two month after it should be gone (JRi). The Lake Merced **Tropical Kingbird** was still present for the new year (mob).

At this time of year one is not really surprised at a **Black-and-white Warbler** in Mendocino Co. 21 Dec (JH,AH) or 2 **Palm Warblers** at El Carmelo cemetery in Monterey 28-31 Dec (RS,JM). But the gleanings at Carmel River mouth are certainly eyebrow-raising: a **Black-and-white Warbler** 28 Dec (EM), a **Tennessee Warbler** on 11 Dec (LCB,RS,DE,MP), a **Bay-breasted Warbler** on 12 Dec (DD), and a **Chestnut-sided Warbler** on 3 Jan (WP)! Another **Tennessee Warbler** was at Pt. Reyes Station 18 Dec (JL,SL), and the Tilden Park **Chestnut-sided** was seen again 4 Dec (HC,EC,B&LJ). The Pacifica **Prairie Warbler** remained until at least 5 Dec (JM).

A female **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** appeared at Pt. Reyes Station 18 Dec (WR,JL,SL), and a **Clay-colored Sparrow** was in a field nearby (JL,SL). This sparrow, previously unknown in winter, has been found in our area for the last three Decembers. A **Harris' Sparrow** and a **White-throated X Golden-crowned Sparrow** hybrid remained in Palo Alto through the period (GB,TC et al). A single **Swamp Sparrow** was at Rodeo Lagoon 5 Dec (BL), 3 were at the Carmel R. mouth 11-28 Dec (LCB,RS,DE,MP); others were found on the Pt. Reyes Count. **Observers:** Laurence C. Binford, Glenn Burris, Eric Caine, Ted Chandik, Herold Connon, Donna Dittmann, Dick Erickson, Ken Gardner, Alexis Harte, John Harte, Bob and Lenore Johnsen, Bill Lenarz, John Luther, Susanne Luther, Eugene Makishima, Joe Morlan, Wayne Palsson, Mike Parmeter, Jean Richmond (JRi), Don Roberson, Jolee Roberson (JR), Will Russell, Phil Schaeffer, Rich Stallcup, Pat Triggs, many observers (mob).

## THE OAKLAND CHRISTMAS COUNT

Two hundred eighteen observers (43 of those at feeders) turned out on 19 December for a very pleasant day of birding, even if our total was down from more recent years. As consolation, it should be noted that most counts in California were low this year (and Jim Tucker tells me even Texas had

an off year). But about 162,167 birds were seen or heard, departmentalizing themselves into 170 species. We are likely to lead the nation again in Black-bellied Plover, Great Horned Owl, Saw-whet Owl, Steller's Jay, Plain Titmouse, Bushtit, Bewick's Wren, Hutton's Vireo, Rousful-sided and Brown Towhees, but it will be nip and tuck to hold our usual lead in Surf Scoter (down by 17,000), Scrub Jay, and Wrentit. More exciting is the distinct probability we set all-time individual high count totals in two species: Chestnut-backed Chickadee and Fox Sparrow. Following are the totals (unusual birds or numbers in bold type).

Common Loon 73, Artic Loon 20, Red-throated Loon 82, Red-necked Grebe 9, Horned Grebe 611, Eared Grebe 133, Western Grebe 1499, Pied-billed Grebe 177, White Pelican 1 (Bob Hirt party on south boat), Brown Pelican 102, Double-crested Cormorant 1272, Brandt's Cormorant 238, Pelagic Cormorant 12, Great Blue Heron 73, Green Heron 4 (2 by R. A. Lewis party at Lake Temescal, 1 by Eric Caine in Mt. View cemetery, 1 by Jim Clarke in east Alameda), Great Egret 85, Snowy Egret 202, Black-crowned Night Heron 116, American Bittern 2 (1 by Joe Morlan at Erstwhile Marsh, 1 by Stephen F. Bailey party at Oakland Airport), Canada Goose 1315, Mallard 580, Gadwall 2 (1 by Paul Covel party at Lake Merritt, 1 by Baileys), Pintail 2903, Green-winged Teal 162, Cinnamon Teal 11, **Eurasian Wigeon** 1 (Morlan party at Galbraith golf course), American Wigeon 1107, Northern Shoveler 655, Wood Duck 3 (Eugene Makishima party in north Tilden), Redhead 22 (Don Roberson party at Berkeley Aquatic Park), Ring-necked Duck 42, Canvasback 3693, Greater Scaup 833, Lesser Scaup 4264, scaup sp. 30,846, Common Goldeneye 746, Barrow's Goldeneye 30 (6 at Lake Merritt, 24 from the boats), Bufflehead 586, White-winged Scoter 297, Surf Scoter 12,263, Black Scoter 3 (2 by George Peyton-Peter White on north boat, 1 by Hirt on south boat), Ruddy Duck 3931, Hooded Merganser 6 (5 by Makishima, 1 by Covel), Common Merganser 58, Red-breasted Merganser 180, Turkey Vulture 168, White-tailed Kite 24 (increasing), Sharp-shinned Hawk 25, Cooper's Hawk 21, accipiter sp. 3, Red-tailed Hawk 158, Red-shouldered Hawk 1 (Ned Boyajian in Bollinger Canyon), Golden Eagle 2 (by Malcolm Sproul and Bob O'Brien parties along Oakland ridges), Marsh Hawk 9, Merlin 1 (John and Susanne Luther in Grass Valley), American Kestrel 86, California Quail 713, Ring-necked Pheasant 9, Clapper Rail 21, Virginia Rail 4, Sora 4, American Coot 4110, Semipalmated Plover 72, Snowy Plover 63, Killdeer 518, Black-bellied Plover 1845, Ruddy Turnstone 22, Black Turnstone 38, Common Snipe 41, Long-billed Curlew 48, Whimbrel 8, Spotted Sandpiper 22, Willet 1549, Greater Yellowlegs 15, Red Knot 23, Least Sandpiper 971, Dunlin 11,037, Short-billed Dowitcher 792, Long-billed Dowitcher 155, dowitcher sp. 1274, Western Sandpiper 6730, Marbled Godwit 1013, Sanderling 1263, American Avocet 1957, Black-necked Stilt 49 (increasing), Glaucous-winged Gull 1582, Western Gull 745, Herring Gull 42, Thayer's Gull 17, California Gull 593, Ring-billed Gull 1078, Mew Gull 479, Bonaparte's Gull 287, Heerman's Gull 1 (Mary L. Rosegay party at the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza), gull sp. 4820, Forster's Tern 206, Band-tailed Pigeon 389, Rock Dove 664, Mourning Dove 290, Barn Owl 4 (1 by Chris Carpenter at St. Mary's, 1 by Bailey party, 2 by Gomke party at Lafayette Res.), Screech Owl 13, Great Horned Owl 63, Pygmy Owl 1 (Donna Dittmann-Wayne Palsson at Upper San Leandro Res.) Burrowing Owl 12, Short-eared Owl 2 (1 by Roberson-Taylor party, 1 by Rosegay-Allen party), Saw-whet Owl 2, White-throated Swift 17 (Fisher Bros.-Sylvia Sykora parties near Holy Names), Anna's Hummingbird 468, Costa's X Anna's hybrid 1 (at Ed & Edna Whites' feeder since July), **Rufous Hummingbird** 1 (Gary Hanauer-Marjorie Trites in Strawberry Canyon), **Selasphorus** sp. 2 (1 in Strawberry Canyon, 1 at Inez Troxell's feeder), Belted Kingfisher 23, Common Flicker 593, Acorn Woodpecker 7, Yellow-bellied (Red-breasted) Sapsucker 55, Hairy Woodpecker 10, Downy Woodpecker 46, Nuttall's Woodpecker 47, Black Phoebe 28, Say's Phoebe 11, Horned Lark 93.



Steller's Jay 875, Scrub Jay 1254, Common Crow 146 Chestnut-backed Chickadee 1536 (new national record), Plain Titmouse 350, Bushtit 2544, White-breasted Nuthatch 42, Red-breasted Nuthatch 82, Brown Creeper 40, Wrentit 732, Winter Wren 38, Bewick's Wren 288, Marsh Wren 2 (1 by Morlan, 1 by Baileys), Rock Wren 2 (Caine in the quarries), Northern Mockingbird 76, California Thrasher 39, American Robin 2016, Varied Thrush 257, Hermit Thrush 320, Western Bluebird 168, Golden-crowned Kinglet 68, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 695, Water Pipit 215, Cedar Waxwing 541, Loggerhead Shrike 45, Starling 10,780, Hutton's Vireo 35, Orange-crowned Warbler 2 (1 by Leora Feeney party in Alameda, 1 by Boyajian party), Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 32, Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler 329, Yellow-rumped (subsp.) Warbler 60, Townsend's Warbler 7, Common Yellowthroat (3 by Dick Johnson-Art Edwards at Alameda golf course, 1 by Howard Brownson in Arrowhead marsh), House Sparrow 972, Western Meadowlark 646, Red-winged Blackbird 4016, Brown-headed Cowbird 71, Purple Finch 79, House Finch 2039, Pine Siskin 373, American Goldfinch 756, Lesser Goldfinch 652, Rufous-sided Towhee 557, Brown Towhee 1375, Savannah Sparrow 141, Lark Sparrow 9 (Dittmann-Palsson party - and oh did they have a party!). Rufous-crowned Sparrow 4 (1 by Luthers, 3 by Caine at quarries), Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 3 (feeders), Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 2705, White-crowned Sparrow 2018, Golden-crowned Sparrow 2278, White-throated Sparrow 7 (feeders), Fox Sparrow 799 (new national record), Lincoln's Sparrow 14, Song Sparrow 765.

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## Field Trips Calendar

**Saturday, February 5** — Fremont Gravel Pits. Details in January GULL. Leader: Peter Allen (548-5492).

**Wednesday, February 9** — Mini-walk to Jewel Lake. Meet at 9:00 a.m. near the Little Farm at the Nature Education Building in Tilden Park. Leader: Ruth Voss (525-8032).

**Saturday, February 12** — Owling in Redwood Canyon. Saw-whet, Screech, and Great Horned are the most likely owls we MAY see or hear. Meet at 4:30 a.m. at the entrance to Redwood Canyon along Redwood Road, about 3.5 miles east of intersection of Redwood Road and Warren Freeway (Hwy. 13) in Oakland. Park off pavement along road. Bring flashlight. Trip ends at dawn, breakfast optional. Leader: Dick Erickson (451-0748).

**Saturday, February 12** — Upper San Leandro Reservoir. A 5½ mile loop trip. Wintering water birds, woodland and grassland species. Wear sturdy shoes, bring lunch and liquids. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Valle Vista staging area. Take Hwy. 24 to Orinda exit, turn right into Moraga Way, drive 5 miles to end, turn right on Canyon Rd., go 1½ miles to staging area. Leaders: Sue and Bob Watson (254-4077).

**Tuesday, February 15** — Coyote Hills Regional Park for shorebirds, Burrowing Owls, White-tailed Kites. Take Nimitz Freeway (Cal. # 17) or Dumbarton Bridge (Cal. 84) to Jarvis Ave. in Newark; drive on Jarvis to Newark Blvd. (traffic signal). Turn northwest on Newark to Patterson Ranch Rd. and follow signs to Park. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at first big parking lot to your left. Leaders: Marcia Fisher (237-5671) and Delpha de Timofeev (632-5176).

**Wednesday, February 16** — Mini-trip at the Presidio of San Francisco, "Favorite Haunts". Meet at 9:30 a.m. at parking lot of main Muni bus station inside Presidio at Lincoln Blvd. and Anza for caravan and rides. (Muni 45, 28 and 43.) Lunch optional. Leader: Mary Louise Rosegay (386-1640).

**Saturday, February 19 — Thornton and vicinity** in the Sacramento Valley. Sandhill Cranes and Whistling Swans winter in this area in large numbers. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the south end of the town of Thornton (25 miles north of Stockton). Lots of driving, possible muddy roads. Bring lunch to eat at Micki's Inn. Approach via river Hwy. 160 or Hwy. 99. Allow plenty of driving time if it's foggy. Leader: Paul Covell (530-2513).

**Saturday, February 26 — The San Francisco Zoo Aviary.** Our knowledgeable leader will introduce you to the zoo's excellent collection of the birds of the world and their habitats. Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the indoor aviary. Bring binoculars. There is a 50 cent entrance fee. Leader: Don Roberson (835-2462).

**Sunday, February 27 — Audubon Richardson Bay Sanctuary.** Explore the shore and bay, visit the George Whittell Education Center and book store, learn more about YOUR sanctuary. Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Center at 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon. From Hwy. 101 take Belvedere/Tiburon exit; go east and turn right at third traffic light. Leader: sanctuary naturalist Phil Schaeffer (388-2524).

**Saturday & Sunday, March 5 & 6 — Honey Lake to see Sage Grouse** on their booming grounds as well as eagles, owls, longspurs and many other birds wintering east of the northern Sierra. Meet Saturday at 6:00 a.m. and at 9:00 a.m. at Litchfield, 90 miles north of Reno on U.S. 395. On Sunday meet again at 6:00 a.m. at Litchfield. Convenient motels: 7 Acre Motel, Litchfield (916/257-6711), and Sierra Vista Motel, 1067 Main Street, Susanville (916/257-2164). Primitive camping at Honey Lake Refuge. Be prepared for muddy trails and possibly snow on highways. Leader: Mike Wihler (843-2222); for car-pooling from the Bay Area call Kate Partridge at 849-1951 (home) or 642-3208 (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

**Sunday, March 6 — Sunol Regional Park.** Meet at 9:00 a.m. at ranger station parking lot, bring lunch, prepare to walk 4-5 miles. Take Hwy # 580 east, watch for turnoff to Hwy. 680 near Dublin. Take 680 south, turn off at Calaveras Road, go left, follow sign to Sunol Park. We may see Lark Sparrows, Canyon Wrens, Dippers, Golden Eagles. Leader: Gene Hull (525-5893).

—FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

## Audubon Wildlife Film Series

The fourth film of the Audubon Wildlife Film Series, 1976-1977, will be presented Tuesday, February 8, at the Oakland Auditorium Theater, 10th and Fallon Streets, at 7:30 p.m.

"Bermuda—Land and Sea" is a beautiful film by William J. Jahoda, whose love for nature since boyhood has led him through a varied career to his present position as Professor of Biology at Willimantic State College in Willimantic, Connecticut. Three years were devoted to the creation of this film, an intimate view of Bermuda with emphasis on the coral world of the surrounding sea and its denizens. It is a pleasure to have Dr. Jahoda on the Audubon lecture platform.

Tickets: adult \$2:00, student (under 18) \$1.50, children under 12 free if accompanied by a parent.

—D. ANNE JONES, Coordinator (654-1286)

## Advanced Birding Class

Taking advantage of spring migration and concentrating on bird songs and behavior, George Peyton will teach a field course in advanced birding on 5 Saturday mornings starting on March 19, with a break for Easter week. Further information may be obtained by writing the Natural Sciences Department, Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, California 94607, or calling (415) 273-3884.

## Gifts and Bequests

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following gifts and bequests: for **Audubon Canyon Ranch Library Fund** in memory of Charles J. Rees, from Mary E. and Janie R. Carriger; for **Audubon Canyon Ranch** in memory of Marvin Fallgatter, from Dr. and Mrs. Ray A. Erickson; in memory of past president Myra Browne, from Lolita Peterson; in memory of Alice Gravelle, from Delpha de Timofeev; for **Golden Gate Audubon Society** in memory of Doris M. Brenneman, from Fern Bell.

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## Conservation

### CONDOR UPDATE

The California Condor that was shot a few weeks ago is dead. Although a condor recovery plan is in initial stages (see December 1976 GULL), a vigorous effort NOW can help save these critically endangered birds. Golden Gate Audubon recommends: (1) opposition to hunting in and around the condor range and harsher penalties for shooting condors, (2) opposition to the use of pesticides in the condor range, (3) opposition to strip mining in the condor range, and (4) support of the California Condor Recovery Plan. You can write and express your concern for the condor to:

California Department of Fish and Game  
1416 9th Street, 12th Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814 (telephone 916/445-3531)  
Allan West

Director, U.S. Forest Service  
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42 Aero Camino  
Goleta, California 93107 (telephone 805/968-1578)

### ALASKA

In 1971, Congress passed the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which authorized study of public land as possible national interest lands. National interest lands include national parks, wildlife refuges, national forests, and wild and scenic rivers. Legislation setting aside national interest lands and giving them permanent protection must be enacted by December 18, 1978.

The recently convened 95th Congress has begun to consider several bills concerning national interest lands. A bill from the Ford administration proposes setting aside 83 million acres as national interests lands. A number of environmental groups, including the National Audubon Society, have grouped together to form the Alaska Coalition, which favors a bill preserving 106 million acres as national interest lands. The bill would allow many unique Alaskan landscapes to remain unaltered, and is designed to preserve complete ecosystems.

Mining and lumber interests would like to have as much land as possible left open to them, and would like as little as possible set aside as national parks. The future of about 235 million of Alaska's 365 million acres has already been determined, much of it open to development.



Further information can be gotten from the Alaska Coalition, 620 C Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. We will notify you of future legislative developments. This is our opportunity to preserve part of Alaska as it is.

—CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

## Sanderlings Featured at Cooper Meeting

The Northern California Chapter of the Cooper Ornithological Society will have its next meeting on Thursday, 3 March, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. Topic for the evening will be "Behavior of Wintering Sanderlings" by Peter G. Connors, Assistant Research Ecologist, Bodega Marine Laboratory. The public is invited.

## PRBO Natural Excursions

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is offering a series of natural excursions to be led by Rich Stallcup:

February 5 & 6—Winter Waterfowl of California: The Coast

February 26 & 27—Winter Waterfowl: The Central Valley

March 12 & 13—Winter Waterfowl: The Great Basin

March 5 & 6, June 4 & 5, August 27 & 28, October 22 & 23—

The birds of Monterey Bay

For further information, write PRBO Natural Excursions, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, California 94970.

## Birding in Britain

It has long been said that out of four passengers in any compartment of an English train, at least one will be a birder. In June Golden Gate Audubon Society will find out first-hand why per capita interest in birds among the British population probably exceeds any other country in the world when it sponsors a nature tour of England and Scotland.

Visiting many of Britain's best birding areas, including the Norfolk Downs, Sir Peter Scott's Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust, the seabirds of Farne Islands, and Bass Rock in the Firth of Forth (about 8,000 breeding pairs of Gannets), the tour will conclude in the magnificent Scottish Highlands centered at Aigas Castle near Inverness. George Peyton, the tour leader, is also working on a possible optional trip to the Scilly Isles and the wild mountains and coastline of Wales. Anyone interested should write Siemer & Hand, Lt., One Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, California 94111 or call them at (415) 788-7186.

## News From Audubon Canyon Ranch

A great deal of time has been spent by staff and volunteers in formulating plans for the Indian exhibit to be installed at the main ranch and new additions to the educational center at Volunteer Canyon.

The following memorial donations have been received by the Ranch: from Joy Sheets in memory of Dr. Leo Stanley; from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Price and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Welch in memory of Mrs. Harry B. Allen. Audubon Canyon Ranch is most grateful to the following persons who have become Sponsors—friends who have contributed \$800 or more: Constance A. Park, Dewey Donnell, Mrs. Marron Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Carpenter, and Mrs. Starr Bruce. We are also grateful to the following organizations which have recently made generous contributions: Morro Bay Audubon Society, San Leandro Garden Club, Beresford Garden Club, and Oak Knoll Garden Club. The Ranch is especially grateful to Mr. Frank Campini, who recently made a generous gift to the Endowmen Fund, and to Eleanor Evans Crum, who made the Ranch a very special gift at Christmas time.

—BETTY BOYD



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